



Mary Lee Buschmann

August 13, 1927 - November 14, 2018

Mary Lee Edwards Pfenninger Buschmann, 91, died Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at Glen Oaks Health Campus in New Castle following a lengthy illness.

She was born August 13, 1927 in New Castle, the daughter of the late H. Ray and Susan (Morris) Edwards and the niece of Judge John H. Morris. Mary Lee graduated in 1945 from New Castle High School and attended the University of Maryland where she was initiated into Delta Delta Delta Sorority. She also attended Indiana University.

Active in the New Castle community, she was a member of First Presbyterian Church for over 60 years and a past president and over 60-year member of Chapter H of the PEO Sisterhood. Mary Lee was also a member of Agenda Literary Club, Delta Delta Delta Sorority, and a lifetime member of the Henry County Humane Society.

An avid animal lover, Mary Lee was a generous contributor to the local animal shelter as well as several other animal rights organizations. She learned to play bridge at the age of 13 and continued playing throughout her life. She enjoyed needlework and owned The Stitch in Time Shop in New Castle during the late 1970's. An excellent cook, she was also a gracious hostess. Mary Lee traveled throughout the world and spent many winters in her homes in

Boynton Beach and Naples, FL.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Paul Pfenninger; a brother, R. Morris (Shirley) Edwards; two stepsons, Mike and Peter Buschmann and her dear friends, the Sharp twins, Martha Clawson and Mary Wilson Pidgeon.

Survivors include her husband, Severin Buschmann of Indianapolis, whom she married August 23, 1992; two sons, Fred (Charlene) Pfenninger of Indianapolis and Steve (Lisa) Pfenninger of New Castle; four grandchildren, Lauren (David) Dragoni of Powell, Ohio, Jan (Joshua) Estelle of New Castle, Ryan (Rachael) Pfenninger of Indianapolis, and Jeffrey Pfenninger of Indianapolis; five great-grandchildren, Joe, Vincent, and Cecilia Dragoni of Powell, Ohio, Natalie Estelle of New Castle and Kate Pfenninger of Indianapolis; two nieces, Susan Saul and Cathy Hinshaw, both of New Castle; three step-children, Susan (David) Curry of Winnetka, IL, Nicholas (Denise) Buschmann of Carmel and Jim (Carolyn) Buschmann of Eureka, CA; and six step-grandchildren, Betsy (Gregory) Simms, Timothy Curry, Nick S. Buschmann, Olivia Jones, and Emma and Lily Buschmann.

There will be a time of gathering where the family will receive friends from 4:00 - 7:00 pm Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at Sproles Family Funeral Home. Cremation and burial will be held privately at a later date in South Mound Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Henry County Community Foundation - www.henrycountycf.org - and directed to the Humane Society Endowment Fund and the Mary Lee Buschmann Named Fund.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles Family and staff are honored to serve the family of Mary Lee Edwards Pfenninger Buschmann.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery

505 Bundy Ave.
New Castle, IN 47362
(765) 521-6850

Previous Events

Time of Greeting

NOV **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

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“ Steve and Fred,
Your Mother and Father were always good friends of my parents and I remember your Mother so well. She was one of my favorites. She was always so gracious and so kind. Even as a young girl I admired her. I still make one of your Mother's cake recipes. When we would have group picnics at the Country Club, she always brought devil's food cake with carmel icing. I loved that cake and still make it today It is one of my favorites. The recipe in my recipe box is titled as Mary Lee's.

She was also very good to my Mother. I was with my Mother a couple of times when your Mother came to visit her in the hospital and the nursing home. It meant so much to my Mother. Theirs was a long and cherished friendship. She will be remembered and missed.

Missy Chambers Topp

Missy Topp - November 21, 2018 at 06:19 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. She was a great lady and a great friend to my mom. I'm sorry I did not read of her passing until just now - I wish I could have come and shown my respect for her. Cathy Kennedy

cathy kennedy - November 21, 2018 at 02:27 PM

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“ *The 250ok Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Lee Buschmann.*



The 250ok Family - November 20, 2018 at 03:00 PM

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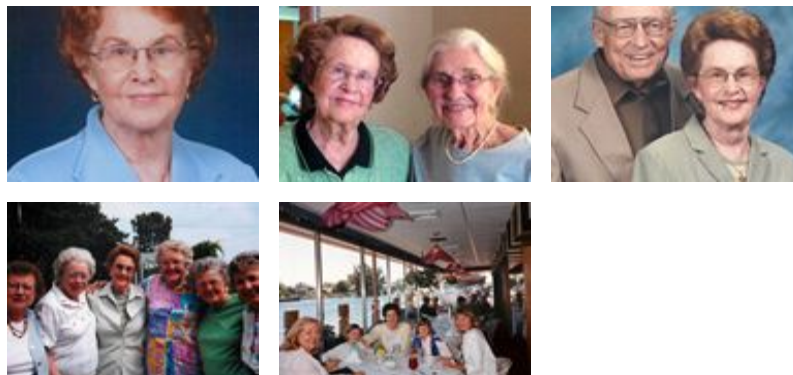
“ *Steve, sending condolences to you and yours in the loss of your dear mother. I remember her from my Lloyd Beall days. She was a very pleasant lady and I enjoyed the conversations we had when she would stop in the store.*



Donna Ragan - November 19, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ *52 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - November 19, 2018 at 03:36 PM

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“ I just received notice of Mrs Buschman’s passing this morning. My sincere condolences to Fred and Steve. I remember their mother well from my many visits to their home when I lived in New Castle. Mary Lee was very gracious and kind to me. She will be missed.
(Gregory V. Hayes)

Gregory Hayes - November 16, 2018 at 09:30 AM

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“ Steve and Lisa,
We're thinking of you and lifting you up for God to give you peace in your bereavement. Mary Lee was a well known and respected lady who lived a full and wonderful life. She will be missed.
~ Beverly and Duane Matthews



Beverly Matthews - November 15, 2018 at 10:08 AM